

Director's Report to the Recreation Advisory Board - 3/6/15

Youth Sports - The regular season of youth basketball wrapped up for the 3rd and 4th grade teams with a round robin tournament with the Meredith League on February 7th, the following week the 5-6 teams also played in a tournament with the Meredith League to end their seasons. All players received participation trophies from the league.

Kindergarten and Grade 1-2 basketball programs also ended on February 7th.

Both our Boys and Girls Carroll County Tournament Teams participated in the Carroll County Youth Basketball Tournament. The boys competed in the American League Division and played in Fryeburg, Maine; the girls played in the National Division in Tamworth. Both divisions are double elimination. Our boys were eliminated after their second game - a very close one. The girls lost their first game but came back to win two more games and finished in third place in the tourney.

Information concerning t-ball and softball has been distributed. After carefully looking at our projected numbers of youth softball players in the upper levels, we made the decision to contact Lakes Region Babe Ruth Softball to see if we could make the same sort of arrangement that we do for Cal Ripken baseball. This year Moultonborough softball players may play in the Interlakes Softball (Babe Ruth) League. We will continue to offer t-ball and will continue to offer a softball program for Instructional League level players (grades 1-3). However, Babe Ruth offers programs as follows: 12 U, 10 U 8 U - therefore younger players will have the option of participating in either the program we offer through the Recreation Dept. or in the Babe Ruth program.

Hershey Foods is no longer sponsoring the track and field program. The NHRPA has worked to find a sponsor and will continue the program very similar to the Hershey program. Moultonborough will continue to provide a track and field program - and participate in the new program at local, regional and state meets. The program will just no longer be referred to as Hershey Track and Field, but will be called Granite State Track and Field. Both Dan and Donna K are active members of the state track and field committee and have worked on the transition.

Special Events - The Father-Daughter Dance had our largest numbers ever with over 80 people in attendance. It was a very special evening for all.

We had approximately a dozen entries in our Cardboard Sled Derby held on February 21st.

The Sledding Party on February 24th also had approximately a dozen participants.

Our second family skating party of the season - the "Twilight Skating Party" held on February 26th was another great success with over 50 people in attendance.

We have tentatively scheduled the Mother-Son Mini Golf Scramble for Friday May 29nd.

The Annual Work Party for the States Landing Beach Project will be held on Saturday May 30th at States Landing.

Adult Programs and Trips - Our trip to the Portland Flower Show was well received with 33 people signed up.

The next scheduled trip is to the Kennedy Library in Boston. This trip will be held on April 29th. We are expecting a good turnout for this event as well as our May trip with a VIP tour of Fenway Park, followed by watching the Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays.

We held a Tai Chi demonstration on Wed. March 4th to promote our new Tai Chi program and instructor. We lost our former instructor and program some months ago when he took on a new job and was unable to offer Tai Chi during the day.

We have collaborated with Holderness and are jointly offering the "Get Paid to Talk" class on April 7th. Both Holderness and Moultonborough Rec. Departments have offered the class before, but had to cancel our last attempts at offering it, so by combining our efforts we hope to engage more participants. Moultonborough will host the class.

Other Youth Programs - CATCH has resumed this week. Kindergarten and First Grade are offered on Wednesdays with Fridays for 2nd graders.

Summer - We have reached out to last year's seasonal staff and they are to let us know of their intentions for this summer within the next few weeks. Advertisements for seasonal staff positions have also been sent out and posted. We are accepting applications at this time.

We are working on the summer schedule and the summer brochure.

We will be meeting later this month to plan the summer concert series.

Other Information - The Rink continues to be in good shape - we anticipate the skating season to extend for a couple of weeks. We are beginning however to see the signs of a stronger sun.

Dan attended an NH Recreation and Park Association workshop on youth sports on Friday March 6th. Donna T. will be attending a Primex (our insurance) training on Risk Management

in parks and recreation on Tuesday March 10th. Dan has been accepted in to and will be attending the Primex Supervisor's Academy at the end of this month. Donna K. was just informed that her proposed session was accepted and she will be presenting at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in September.

Dan and Donna T will be teaching the Safe Sitter Course in Holderness during April vacation week.

The Moultonborough Recreation Dept. is working with the NH Recreation and Park Association and Breathe NH in offering the NH Fun Pass with coupons for savings at over 100 attractions.

Respectfully submitted by:

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